



O T V A R C

OREGON TUALATIN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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If you missed last meeting---toooo bad!!! Mr. Lang Hedrick, the proud owner of a 50' ocean racing yacht, gave us a highly interesting presentation of his competitive efforts in the world famous Trans-Pacific race. The race originates from Los Angeles and ends in KH6 land. Eleven days in a fast boat and our hero placed second in class. Seventy Five boats are involved. One of which has a value of \$2,000,000++++ !!! A good program, judging from the numerous questions asked. Oh---there was a pretty explicit depiction of how to bathe at sea. Live and in full color Super 8. Front, back, side, top and bottom-s. Did I hear a gasp? Nuff said.

At meetings start we had 45 members on the roster. Thirty members attended and 21 guests showed up. This includes wives and 2½ little ones. Nice going ETR. Five new members were signed and as you can imagine, with over 50 bodies in a room designed for 60, it was very cozy. Apologies to those who had to eat out front. A new site is being scouted and if all goes well we hope to have an equally good location but roomier.

Tom, ETR, brought his nifty transmatch for show and tell but it was so crowded it was tough to get a look at it. Carter, WHO, brought his neat home brew accomplishment which will be real handy for Field Day and fortunately he had a chance to explain it's use. THANKS GUYS!! Maybe we will be able, in the future, to have a special table for show and tell---like a Field Day bench. Alll rrrright!!!

For you Winter Olympic fans who were no-shows, Doug explained his new 2m, to 10m. rprr.. It operates on 147.420 simplex and if you have'nt tried it, don't!! That is MY frequency. At least it was. It used to be a nice quiet rag chew frequency but now it's all cluttered up with JA's, W1's, OH's, DJ's and all sorts of other crummy DX. If you hold a Technician license here is your chance to work DXCC on 10m.. Better call W7XI first though and find out how to do it. Don't worry Doug, our treasury can handle your bail but your equipment loss is T. Bananas!!

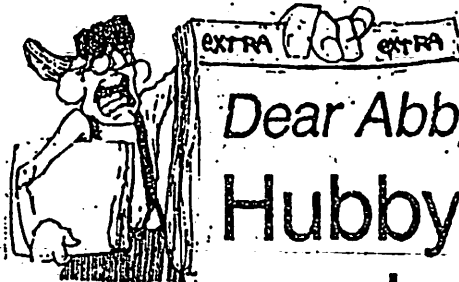
Wes, K7WWG, gave a pitch for help at the Memorial Day weekend motorcycle races which are up in the boondocks behind the Gaston area. If you don't have a heavy date and are the proud owner of a 2m. rig, offer your services.

If you have a date, she might enjoy a day in the woods. Chuckle! It is a worthwhile endeavor and as Wes and Tom explained, there are accidents and I know I wouldn't want to lay out in the woods with a broken something or other and no help till the day after tomorrow. If you are a new member and want to get with the program and get acquainted with some heavy duty 2m. ops then this is your chance. Go for it!! Call Wes at 649-3295.

Radar Electronics and Portland Radio were once again kind enough to donate some nice goodies for our raffle. Lets support the DONORS! D. A. Boyd, WA7ZQP, won a neat multimeter. A call book, several technical manuals and a cool ? soldering iron outfit were among the freebies. Thanks Bill.

We welcome the following new members:
Gordon Nikolaus-WA7MAM, Clarence Bennet-KA7CSS, Cheryl Justice-WA7UMM, Bill Gouchenour-WB7NPH, Bob Reed-K7DXW, Marty McKillip-KA7CTP, Alan Marks-N7BNQ and Jack Smithson-novice student. I hope we all get acquainted with the welcome additions in the shortest time possible. Each member is a VIP whether novice or extra, old member or new. Next meeting, pick a stranger and say hi!!!!

Sunday, Feb. 24, KB7CC, N7BIJ, W7JDT, N7ALM, AI7G, WB7VWX, W7ETR with his drag in tow, W7XI and YL and yours truly, WB7SIC, took a little trip out Rock Creek way in search of a Field Day site which would be suitable for the champion type operators that we are. I hope there are no hockey games on T.V. the last weekend of June. We will never see our new Field Day leader. He was an hour late! Anyway, what we found was a Paradise for the club. All the facilities we need and more. A wooded lane, rock-based, which led back into a beautiful campsite.. There is a cabin with tables and benches for over 60 people. A gigantic wood stove which will take 5' logs, a wood cook stove, and electric lights are some of the amenities. Outside are more picnic tables and benches which are all shaded by Fir and Cedar trees. Close by are His and Hers comfort stations. Outside the door is a suspension bridge about 200 feet long which spans Rock Creek. Also, a stones throw away, is a neat little cabin with a covered front porch, bed, table and lights. You can fish off the front porch. To the East and West are fields about 200' to 300' wide with tall Fir trees on one side and Rock Creek on the other. This is not to mention the old fashioned well with the hand pump. Good clean water! The area is such that trailers can be easily parked just about anywhere.. The best word to describe the site is INCREDIBLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! How far away? 6.3 miles out of Vernonia. Any club member that doesn't get involved in this Field Day is subject to severe scrutiny. WOW!!! A final word about Field Day. Tom, W7ETR, says his XYL, (she has a name and call but as she is not a member, I will not print either) has been developing a new little one for the last 8 months. I got to back dating the so called Fathers Day and it computes to late last June---Field Day 1979. Lets all join in on Field Day 1980.. It CAN be fun!!!
A P.S.---Warren, W7JDT, took some color pictures of the site and, last heard, he will have them available for us at the next meeting.



Dear Abby Hubby's 'static' creates havoc

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Dear Abby: A second opinion, please, or a third, fourth or fifth: For the last eight years, George (my husband) has shut himself up in a room with his ham radio from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. He eats in there, too. Never with us. Of course, all the kids are grown, except for our 13-year-old son whom George only talks to to yell at. He kicked one of our daughters out at age 16.

George is self-employed, so he works only when he wants to. Our house is in terrible condition, inside and out. My garbage disposal hasn't worked in four years, and my stove is falling apart.

Do you suppose he will ever change? Or am I just kidding myself? We have no friends. Never go anywhere. No social life at all.

George has a ham radio in his pick-up, so if you ride with him, all you hear is static on the radio and "Shut up!" from him.

My married kids won't come to our house. If I want to see them, I go to theirs.

We are in our late 40s. I have thought of terminating our marriage, but I have a few medical problems. My 13-year-old says you'll advise us right. Please hurry. — Had it in D.C.

Speaking of CW, there is an interest at the FCC in abolishing CW as a requirement for an amateur license. The logic behind this must be that since we can have high school graduates who can't read, we could have radio operators who don't know CW.

Strangely enough, even amateurs have petitioned the FCC to do away with the CW requirement. Note they are not talking about "above 144" or "above 30," but *all* bands.

One FCC official even said CW isn't used much on the amateur bands. One can only assume the employees of the FCC can't align a receiver very well. There is a lot of CW on my receiver.

To do away with the CW requirement would be an absolute disaster. The amateur bands would be chaos.

The argument is that the CW obstacle keeps many people from being amateurs.

Right! Just as the bar exam keeps many people from practicing law. (And there are people who want that abolished.)

What's next? No medical school for doctors? No training for accountants?

Back to the heart of the matter. Let us defend CW with all of our being. Is it a barrier? Yes. Is it a shield? Yes.

With standards crumbling all around us, let us keep something of some distinction in this world. Particularly something that is such a practical and useful skill.

When the conditions are bad, when a phone signal cannot even make its existence known, CW (unlike the post office) will get it through.

A ripoff and a payoff

Deane Hemsoth, WB8RPE

Even with insurance to cover replacement value, there's no way to come out even after a theft loss.

Recently, my wife and I visited the dining room of the Holiday Inn North about 5:30. When we left about an hour later I found my Yaesu FT-227R had been stolen after forced entry into my car. Another man had also lost some property and had suffered a broken window in the bargain. He had already called the police and they were on the scene when we made the shocking discovery.

To make the story short, I was somewhat heartened by the fact I carry ARRL sponsored group insurance to cover such a loss. However, I had no idea how to initiate a claim. My insurance policy neglects that detail.

So, I called ARRL and was given the phone number — (800) 527-3304 — which is the Dallas office of the Bonn Gilbert Company, the agency who services the ARRL group insurance. I was told to send my statement, along with a copy of the police report. It would be four to six weeks for processing.

It was actually only four weeks later that I

received a check for \$50 less than actual replacement value as shown on my policy (\$50 deductible).

I like this insurance plan because it recognizes replacement cost rather than depreciated value. I was foresighted enough on my renewal to anticipate inflationary higher prices and set a higher value on this equipment than when I bought it. Thus, I was able to find a good price on the replacement and came out nearly even when considering greater capability of my new Yaesu FT-227RB. The added touch-tone facility and scanning ability cost me about \$20 over and above my settlement.

I'm happy about that, but there's no way of making up for the emotional stress, the time and trouble to go to the Safety Building for a police report and filing my insurance claim, then being without the equipment for several weeks.

Concluding words of advice:

1. Get insurance coverage.
2. Protect your equipment anyway (including ID marking).
3. If you have ARRL insurance, make note of this phone number — 1-800-527-3304.

— Greater Toledo ARA

Anguilla

With the upcoming CQ WPX contest the end of March, many amateurs are making plans for this event. A group consisting of Vance LePierre, W5IJU/WA4ZSX, and William Wallace, K4TVE, will depart from Atlanta on 27 March, with operations to commence the following day at Anguilla. The operation will end on 3 April.

This same group operated from Montserrat during last year's contest, using the calls VP2MBU and VP2MEC.

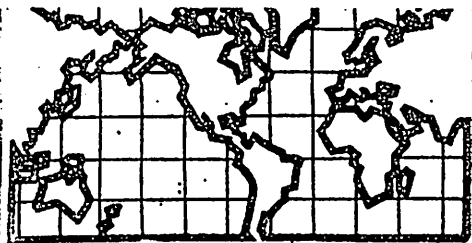
No calls have been issued at this writing. QSL cards for SSB will be handled by Vance, WA4ZSX, and CW by K4TVE.

This is a self-funded DXpedition and all plans are complete at this time. Of course, you are still expected to supply the SASE with your QSL. If not saving on their postage, it does at least cut down the time to stamp and address an envelope for your QSL card.

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Who's Going??



DX WORLD

Jan Mayen Island

This is another one of those Norwegian islands with activity. Look for JX9WT at 14.223 MHz from 0001 to 0230 UTC. After that the station will go down to 14.035 MHz for an hour or two of CW operation.

LA7JO runs a net on 14.207 MHz Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2100 UTC, where you can find JX9WT, JW7FD, JW5IJ and others. Here is a chance to pick up both Jan Mayen and Bear Island at the same time.

On weekends, JX9WT can be found in the Africana Net, 21.355 MHz from 1700 UTC. Send your QSL for JX9WT to LA9WT, his home call.

Taiwan

Tim Chen, BV2A, is the sole operator who represents this country. This is the call he uses on CW, although he has been reported to use this call on SSB. While on SSB, Tim can be found using the call BV2B, his second call.

His present 10-meter operating frequencies are 28.030, 28.250, 28.300 and 28.530 MHz from 2300 to 0400 UTC. On 20 meters he uses 14.025, 14.040, 14.218 and 14.240 MHz at 1100 and 2300 UTC, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Tim says he has no 15-meter capabilities at this time. If you worked BV2A or BV2B on that band it was not Tim, but Slim.

W3VQ reports through *The DX'er's Magazine* that he worked Tim back in 1946 when he was signing C3YW from Foochow, China. At that time he was known as Lefty.

Bear Island

A station on Bear Island with the call of JW7FD is reported to be on and will be active in the Svalbard group until June 1980. The station is operated by a team of four operators.

Look for JW7FD near 14.205 MHz from 1200 and 2100 UTC. They can be found on 15 meters at 21.260 MHz from 1730 UTC. You may QSL this station via LA5NM.

Heard Island

A DXpedition party of 16 will be on Heard Island to reinforce Australia's claim to the island. The group will be from the Mapping Division of the Science and Environment Department aboard the Australian Transport Department's lighthouse supply ship *Cape Pillar*, and will be there for six weeks from late February to early April. This is reported to be the first visit since a Franco-Australian team there in 1970-71.

Qatar

Look for A7XA between 28.560 and 28.620 MHz on 10 meters from 1100 UTC. When this band is poor, check 21.350 or 14.240 MHz.

DF4NW/A7 can also be found on 28.050 MHz and 28.560 MHz from 1200 UTC with the appropriate mode.

And another station, A7XAH, can be found on 20 meters between 14.220 and 14.305 MHz during a series of one-hour bursts between 0400 and 2000 UTC.

Albania

ZA3KL has been reported active from a technical institute in Tirana in Albania. At present the operator says he lacks formal written authorization for operating but he is making an attempt to obtain it.

Look around 21.280 MHz daily from 1300 UTC. The QSL manager for this one is IV3HL.

Dodecanese Islands

Activity from Rhodes is provided by SV5-JR, who is a permanent resident there. Check 28.650 MHz from 1230 UTC. You can find him on weekends on 21.350 MHz at 1300 UTC with his QSL manager, DJ9ZB.

That special QSO

Jerry Melson, WA1ZXF

All of us at one time or another have dreamed of that QSO with a special personality. Well Grace, WB1GVZ, made that dream come true recently.

Grace had the thought of contacting JY1 for that special QSO. JY1, for the Novice and non-DXer, is none other than King Hussein of Jordan. Quite a contact for anyone to make.

Grace did it by what might be a very simple method. She simply wrote JY1 a letter asking him if he would meet her on the air for a contact.

Grace admits she held little hope of ever getting a response as His Majesty, JY1, receives thousands of correspondences a day.

Well, the unbelievable happened. On 4 December 1979, at about 6:15 p.m. EST (2315 UTC), the King personally called Grace on the telephone. The total shock and surprise was almost too much for Grace as she first thought of someone possibly playing a joke on her. However, after a few moments she knew it was His Majesty himself. The King asked Grace where she would like to meet for the sked and also thanked her for her most kind letter.

Considering the late time in Jordan (well after 2:00 a.m.), Grace was surprised when the King suggested the contact be made at once. So on 14.310 MHz at 2330 UTC, the QSO was made. The band was quite busy with QRM and many amateurs were caught completely by surprise. The King did work an additional two stations, but due to the late hour and enormous pile-up, which happened instantly, His Majesty gave his 73 to all.

Jab the jammer

Larry Guy of the Long Beach (CA) FCC District Office spoke at a recent meeting of the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs. The main subject of the evening was illegal interference on the amateur bands.

Guy said his office is completely bound by orders on priorities from the Washington, DC office. He has no personal choice in what he takes care of.

The district office in Long Beach has many areas of communications to oversee: marine, aircraft, police, fire, etc. The Amateur Radio priority comes so far down the list it is practically invisible.

The question on how can we get the attention of the FCC and its answer reminds us of the old saying, "The barking dog gets the biscuit."

The solution put forth by most of those in attendance was the best way to get the Amateur Radio bands' interference problems: taken care of by the FCC is to write letter, letters and more letters to our Congress people and senators.

Sounds too easy? Don't you believe it! Many of us talk all day and night about what we can do — What can we do?! But when it comes down to such a simple task as writing a short concise letter about the problems of interference and the need to have the FCC District Office give the problem some time, most of us will just "let George do it."

Another problem discussed at length was how can amateurs help catch and convict those guilty of interference.

Guy outlined the very difficult procedure of obtaining proof of interference and its presentation to the Justice Department, the U.S. Attorney, for possible prosecution.

Many cases have been sabotaged by persons who try to do it by themselves. The end result is often a case where the accusers are more guilty than the accused. This can result in a completely turned around situation where the accused usually cannot be prosecuted.

FCC's amateur operator exam study guide is now available from FCC field offices, the FCC Gettysburg facility (334 York St., Gettysburg, PA 17325) and the FCC's Private Radio Bureau Licensing Division, Room 5202, 2025 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20554. Ask for PR Bulletin 1035, January 1980.

Ham Radio magazine (Greenville, NH 03048) will send a copy of the guide to those who furnish a stamped, addressed return envelope and specify the license class which they are preparing (*HR Rep.* 12/28/79). Others who are in the license manual publishing business will be out with revised editions as soon as possible.

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NEWS

BULLETIN



QUESTION. ???

You are sending CW on 14.025 with 100 watts input and change to SSB on 14.375 without retuning. What will happen ???

Would you be interested in taking a club sponsored trip to the ARRL convention in Seattle? It would be via a charter bus which would leave early Saturday morning, July 26 and return late Sunday afternoon on July 27. We would obtain a block of rooms through the ARRL and they would most likely be close to the convention. The cost would be ABOUT \$120 per couple. This includes EVERYTHING!! Think about it. Tom, W7ETR, has had enough publicity in this newsletter but he upgraded to EXTRA. Nice going Tom. Anybody else?? Note of interest: The average age level of our club is 38.5. Aint that neat!! Wish I had'nt figured that out. What do you like to see in a newsletter? How about some input. If you upgraded or bought a jazzy new thingamajig, call us. Did you fall off your tower, get DXCC, WAS, the Flu? Seriously, it is'nt dumb. Pick up the phone and call. YOU are more interesting than Aszexcel Jarexes, ZX3IM, the nice chap in Timbuctoo, who will be working 10m on Oct. 3. Russ Rauch, our valuable newsletter aide, just moved to a neat new QTH. Has a whole room for his radidio gear. The sewing machine, ironing board, laundry and etc. won't be too much trouble will it Russ?? Jeff Assay just got a new Tempo S1. Another 1 watt rubber duckie addict. Good grief!! Keep it charged Jeff! Hereafter, when a program is going to be an hour or longer, we will take a break in the middle. and give the restaurant a chance to refill coffee and etc.. Also, a trip to the sandbox might be appreciated. Right on!! It was nice to see Mac, W7KBR, at the meeting. Neat guy that one. Do it again Mac. We missed Norm and Maria, Bob and Janet, Jim Jones and Roland West. Nice to see George, WA7FNO and Lowell, W7NDH. Lowell gets so much QRN on the Great Telephone Experiment that I don't blame him for his spotty attendance. Jim Jones--where are you?? Tell your XYL that the club needs you. You're the only tower climber we have. Nice guy that Jim. He risked his life last F.D. and climbed a 20 foot tower with a Tri-Bander in his teeth. How come the newsletter is so long? Somebody asked that!! Well--we get more _____ (male bovine) for our fifteen cents. Good luck to our new member, Jack Smithson, novice student. He is working hard on ---. --- !! Would like to put a call after your name Jack. Enough of the funnies.

Next meeting is Wednesday the 19th. The room will we set up for 50 people this time. Sambos gave us two very efficient waitresses last meeting and will do so again. PLEASE try to be on time. We can't start the meeting until the dust settles!!!! DON'T FORGET TO LEAVE A TIP. We are lucky to have a place that does not require a banquet serving or request X number of dinners to be served. Let's keep them happy while it lasts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a busy looking schedule set up for the next few months. Hopefully, a majority of the members will find the time to participate. Aside from our planned Field Day activity and the National ARRL Convention trip, there will be the annual Clark County ham fair. It is in the works now to have a booth set up so as to publicize ourselves. Should be a fun weekend and great for the club. There is going to be a picnic and or campout-your choice, either in late July or early August. The location will be at MOO MEADOW, last years Field Day site. You will be welcome to enjoy an outing on Saturday, Sunday or stay over and enjoy the entire weekend. In early September we will, if all goes well, be having a social, pot-luck, old-fashioned. HEE HAW, hoe-down type barn dance. If that doesn't get your lady out, nothing will. Maybe Maria will bring some of that great spaghetti!! What do you think about getting a square dance caller? SWING YOUR PARTNER!! It has been suggested that we spend October and November resting up for our December Xmas party. That just might be a good idea!

DUES ARE DUE

C'MON-a movie ticket and a box of buttered popcorn costs the same and it's all over in a couple of hours. ANYBODY can afford \$5.00 dollars a year, 42¢ per month, 10¢ per week or .013¢ per day..... Some of our most reliable and avid members are in arrears. Lets make our treasurer happy and secure! PLEASE!!

PROGRAM

If you feel that the club is getting to be put in a non-social position because of size and or time consuming programs---think twice!! Look at the activities coming that are scheduled. They are ALL socially oriented. Enough on that. Our next program will be a surprise. It will be sufficient to say that it should be enjoyable and also that it will be put on by one of our own members. You wouldn't dare let a fellow member down would you??
Next meeting is WEDNESDAY MARCH 19 at 7:00 PM
SHARP!!!

ATTEND THE 19th-----ATTEND THE 19th
Al Berg WB7SIC 73--88 Russ Rauch N7ASB